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Annapolis Transportation Board Meeting Wednesday, May 25, 2015

The monthly business meeting of the Transportation Board of the City of Annapolis was held on Wednesday, May 25, 2015, in the Annapolis City Council Chambers at 160 Duke of Gloucester Street in Annapolis, Maryland.

Present: Chairman Alex Pline (alex@teampline.org), Vice Chairman Chris Aiken, Amy Jones (jones.amy1117@gmail.com), Brian Kelm (brian.kelm@navy.mil), Carol Kelly, John Giannetti (JohnGiannetti.law@gmail.com), Mike Pachler (mike@pachler.us), Ann Widener (annwidener@comcast.net), Robert Eades

Absent: Jennifer West-Miser, Wes Irvin, Beth Dolezal

Journal of Proceedings: Chairman Alex Pline called the meeting to order at 1830 PM. Note: There were enough voting members present at the meeting to form a quorum.

Presentation

1. Eastport Traffic Study Preliminary Results – Dr. Sally Nash, P&Z

The Eastport Traffic study started in September 2015, with public meetings in December 2015 and on May 12, 2016. There was little public consensus on the issues addressed by the study. Ms. Nash noted that there is no room for expansion of roads in Eastport, so the City of Annapolis must find sustainable ways to manage existing resources. A public survey is being conducted to understand priorities. Some questions address specific recommendations – though many are general. There is limited support from the Eastport community for residential parking permits, though the board is concerned that without consistent parking code throughout Annapolis, the residents of Eastport will continue to have issues with a large volume of long-term visitor parking on residential streets. The study and subsequent meetings have not included SP+. The Annapolis Transportation Board recommends that Ms. Nash engage them in future discussions, as they have both subject matter expertise and a long-term role in the management of parking in Annapolis.

Additional Eastport routes for the circulator are being considered, but the City of Annapolis is hesitant to expand that service because existing public transportation options, specifically the bus routes, aren't being utilized enough to demand additional resources. Mr. Giannetti asked if the construction of additional parking structures was being considered. Ms. Nash did not believe that was an option currently on the table, though acknowledged that a public private venture was possible if there was a need and



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desire for additional parking. However, any sites that have been considered to date (specifically, the Tecumseh parking lot and Carrol's Creek parking lot) were dismissed for structural, logistical, and financial reasons.

The study researched reorganizing the flow of traffic through Eastport, either by making current one-way streets open to two-way traffic, or by making the numbered streets one-way with Chesapeake Avenue, Severn Avenue, etc. two-way. Opening current one-way streets to two-way traffic did not provide significant gains for flow on the peninsula, and would increase speed limits. Residents were hesitant to support that recommendation. Recommendations addressing pedestrian safety and ADA compliance issues were most widely supported at the public meetings, and some of the lower cost projects (e.g., expanding sidewalks and curb cuts) will likely be high priority in the next FY budget.

Ms. Nash referred the Board to the Department of Public Works for additional information on the plans to resurface Main Street in FY17 and for updates on the Hillman Garage.

Approval of Minutes: April 2016 meeting minutes approved.

Chairman's Report:

1. Submission of Murray Hill and President's Hill Parking District requests

Chairman submitted letter to the Mayor's office in support of the proposal presented at the April 2016 meeting.

2. Submission of Board membership letters

Mr. Irvin and Mr. Eades would like to continue to serve on the Transportation Board. The Transportation Board rescinds the request to have them removed. Several individuals have submitted applications to fill Transportation Board vacancies.

Staff Report:

A comprehensive Transit System Study is underway, sponsored by the City of Annapolis (not MTA). The Transportation Department has seen a 30% decrease in year-to-date revenues as compared to 2015. Ms. Widener requested more frequent participation from SP+ at Transportation Board meetings to facilitate discussion and planning. Mr. Pline intends to request that SP+ participate in future meetings. Dr. Kwaku Agyemang-Duah believes that the revenue reduction is a reflection of the ripple down effects of service cuts last year. He believes that the Transportation Department has the raw data needed to support a more in depth look at why revenues have declined so significantly. Dr. Duah was not able to provide expenditure figures for the department, but agreed to participate in a



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working session to review the tracking spreadsheets that he uses to manage the department prior to a future meeting.

Board Member Reports:

New Business:

1. O-19-16, Traffic Impact Analysis

Mr. Pline recommended that the Transportation Board abstain from vote until the next meeting, which will give an opportunity for additional research. The Department of Planning and Zoning will require an Impact Study, paid for by the developer, when the number of trips generated by a new development exceeds the tripwire set by the City of Annapolis (currently 400, new proposal 250). Mr. Pline would like additional information on the rationale behind the threshold of 250. Dr. Duah ultimately determines the approximate number of daily trips generated by a new development, determining whether an Impact Study is required. The Transportation Board would like a more formal role in the review of new developments when they are expected to impact traffic, transit, or parking.

2. O-24-16, Snow Emergency Routes

Mr. Pachler and Mr. Pline support the change, as it provides the City of Annapolis parking enforcement an intermediate consequence for drivers who do not abide by the Snow Emergency Routes regulations and leave vehicles in the roads when a snow emergency is declared. At present, the City of Annapolis may not ticket and is only able to tow vehicles. Some vehicle owners ignore the Snow Emergency Routes, and the City of Annapolis appears reticent to enforce towing to date due to the high cost to vehicle owners and potential negative feedback. Support of the proposed measure O-24-16 was passed with a verbal count – 6 members (Mr. Eades, Ms. Widener, Ms. Kelly, Col Aiken, Mr. Pline, Mr. Pachler, Mr. Giannetti). Mr. Kelm was opposed to the motion. Ms. Jones abstained from voting.

New Business:

1. Review of Transportation Board Rules and Procedures

Mr. Pachler will provide revisions to the rules and procedures for the Board's review at the next meeting. He requested that the agenda include a discussion on the Board's duty to provide the Mayor and City Council with a transportation master plan for the City of Annapolis.

The Transportation Board will waive the opportunity for a public hearing in June, and will request that SP+ provide a public presentation on their progress and future plans at the public hearing scheduled for August 31, 2016.



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Next Meeting: June 22, 2015 at 1830 in the Annapolis City Council Chambers at 160 Duke of Gloucester Street, Annapolis, Maryland, 21401.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and adopted, the meeting adjourned at 2030 PM.

SUBMITTED BY Amy Jones.